STRIX NYCTEA.
VAR. STRIATA.

Character Genericus.

Roſtrum aduncum (abſque cera.)
Nares pennis ſetaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.
Caput grande: auribus oculiſque magnis.
Lingua bifida.

Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 131.

Character Specificus.

STRIX capite lævi, corpore albido maculis lunatis diſtantibus fuſcis.

Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 132.

Avis hæc inter varietates eſt rariſſimas ac elegantiſſimas magnæ et niveæ ſtrigis Americam ſimul ac Europam ſeptentrionalem incolentis: plerumque eſt tota nivea, maculis aliquot lunatis fuſco-nigricantibus interſperſis: varietas autem de qua jam loquimur, eſt per totum fere corpus notis numeroſiſſimis fuſcis obducta, quæ verſus collum ſenſim anguſtiores fiunt, et in breves et interruptas faſcias concurrunt, quibus etiam tota avis ſubtus notata eſt: caput omnino albet; ut et pedes, qui, ut in aliis omnibus hujus ſpeciei ex-

X emplis,

emplis, ad ipſos ungues plumis velleri ſimillibus denſiſſime veſtiuntur: roſtrum ungueſque nigricant; irides flavent.

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THE

SNOWY OWL.

A STRIPED VARIETY.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill crooked (not furniſhed with a cere).
Noſtrils covered with recumbent briſtly feathers.
Head large: *Ears* and *Eyes* large.
Tongue bifid.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

HORNLESS WHITE OWL, marked with diſtant lunated ſpots.

SNOWY OWL.

Lath. 1. p. 132.

GREAT WHITE OWL.

Edwards 2. pl. 61.

The bird here figured is a moſt curious and beautiful variety of the great Snow-white Owl; a ſpecies which is a native both of the northern parts of Europe and of America, and in ſize is equal to the great Eagle-Owl. In its common or general ſtate it is of a ſnowy whiteneſs, with here and there a few ſmall ſcattered creſcent-ſhaped ſpots of blackiſh brown; but the ſpecimen now repreſented is ſpotted all over the upper ſurface with numerous marks of brown,

brown, which as they approach the neck become nar-rower, and run into ſhort interrupted faſciæ or bands, with which alſo the whole under ſurface of the bird is ornamented: the head is white; the feet alſo are perfectly white; and like all other individuals of this ſpecies, are moſt thickly coated with feathers to the very claws, ſo as to have the appearance of a very deep fur: the bill and claws are black: the irides yellow.